open on the Rhine. Melas, who is against you, is not very-deep. He is far from having your military ability, or your activity. I am very distressed at your situation, but I count on your zeal and on your talent.

15th. The first division of the Reserve army, about 12,000 strong, will start from Paris to-morrow. The two other divisions left Nantes and Rennes on the 12th.

16th. (To General Moreau.) I have become a sort of lay figure, having lost my liberty of action and happiness. I envy you your lucky fate. At the head of brave men you will accomplish great tilings. I would willingly trade off my consular purple for the stripe of a chef de brigade under your orders.

I hope that circumstances will allow me to come to your help. In any case, I have the fullest confidence in you.

(To a journalist.) I am trying my strength against Europe; you are trying yours against the spirit of the Revolution. Your ambition is greater than mine, and I have more chances of success than you.

£0th, Malmaison:

I was here last Sunday, walking, alone with the silence of nature. The sound of the church-bell of Rueil suddenly struck my ear; it gave me a sharp sensation. So strong is